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### **Clear Lake Woman Sentenced on Tax Charges**

PIERRE, S.D. – Jacquelyn Margaret Mellendorf of Clear Lake was sentenced on Nov. 20, 2013 after pleading guilty to one Class 6 felony charge of making a false or fraudulent return in attempting to defeat or evade sales tax in violation of SDCL 10-45-48.1(1).

The fifty-one year old owner and operator of Melvee's Inc., a restaurant and bar in Clear Lake, received a suspended imposition of sentence from Circuit Court Judge Ronald K. Roehr.

As part of the suspended imposition of sentence, Mellendorf was fined \$1,500 and ordered to pay applicable court costs. She was placed on probation for 18 months and under house arrest for 45 days. Mellendorf was granted a 40 hours per week release from home arrest to run her business.

Prior to sentencing, Mellendorf paid restitution in the amount of \$4,472.37 in tax, penalty and interest to the State of South Dakota as well as \$3,500 for prosecution costs.

Mellendorf was originally charged with four Class 6 felonies.

The case was investigated by the South Dakota Department of Revenue Investigative Services Bureau, audited by the Department's Audit Division and prosecuted by Special Assistant Attorney General Donald N. Srstka.